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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the citation of JP 2000-364371 has been corrected to delete "A" since the documents is not a laid open publication as of the present time and further to identify the corresponding U.S. application which claims priority thereof. The content of the related Japanese and U.S. applications is foundation work of the coinventors herein, relative to the invention disclosed and claimed herein.

No new matter is presented by the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of same are respectfully requested.

A Supplemental Declaration is filed concurrently to identify the subject foreign application for patent and to specify that priority thereto is not claimed herein.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3, between lines 29 and 30 insert the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

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Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30, as follows: **Technology Center 2100**

JP 2000-364371 [A] , corresponding to USSN 09/815,051 filed March 23, 2001 and assigned to a common assignee herewith, discloses an invention of two of the coinventors herein and which is foundational work of the coinventors herein leading to the invention disclosed and claimed herein, affording an effective technique of giving a user an incentive to register user entry information of a service provider to a buddy list of a user. According to this technique, a user registers user entry information on a service provider to a buddy list and notifies the service provider of the registration, whereby the service provider notified of the registration issues coupons regarding the provision of service to the user. Issuance of coupons attracts users, so that registration of the service provider to a buddy list can be expected to some degree.

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